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1. WEEK NIGHTLY "TONIGHT AT NINE" TELEVISION NEWS AND CURRENT AFFAIRS PROGRAM CARRIED INTERVIEW WITH PHILIP AGEE AUTHOR OF "INSIDE THE COMPANY: CIA DIARY" IN PRIME TIME FRIDAY EVENING SLOT. INTERVIEW DONE ORIGINALLY FOR SWEDISH TELEVISION, REPEATED MANY OF MORE SENSATIONAL ALLEGATIONS MADE IN BOOK. COMMENTS BY NEW ZEALAND ANNOUNCER ALSO WERE INTERSPERSED THROUGH INTERVIEW FOOTAGE INCLUDING FOLLOWING: QTE AGEE DOES SAY THAT NEW ZEALAND IS AN EXCEPTION TO THAT (UNILATERAL CIA OPERATIONS UNKNOWN TO HOST GOVERNMENT) AND THAT THE CIA WOULDN'T UNDERTAKE ANY ACTIVITY HERE WITHOUT THE APPROVAL OF OUR (NZ) GOVERNMENT. RELIABLE SOURCES TELL US THAT THERE ARE AT LEAST FOUR CIA STAFF IN NEW ZEALAND USUALLY ASSIGNED AS POLITICAL OFFICERS IN THE US EMBASSY. THERE IS A TELEX LINK BETWEEN THE SECURITY SERVICE AND THE CIA WHICH IS USED DAILY AND OUR BRIGADIER GILBERT (HEAD OF NZ SECURITY SERVICE) TRAVELS REGULARLY TO THE UNITED STATES FOR CONSULTATIONS WITH THE CIA. UNQTE. KILLGORE

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